Remarks:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated February 3, 2009. In the Action, a Restriction Requirement was placed upon the application. The Office Action indicated that the application included six separate Species:

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Species A, Figures 4-5;
Species B, Figures 6-11;
Species C, Figures 12-13;
Species D, Figures 14-17
Species E, Figures 18-20; and
Species F, Figure 21.
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The Office Action indicated that the various Species lacked unity of invention and do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT rule 13.1.

Applicants hereby elect Species E, Figures 18-20, without traverse. Applicants assert that at least claims 1-4, 6, 8-10 and 12 read on the elected Species. Claims 5, 7, 11 and 13-14 have been withdrawn.

A speedy and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

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Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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